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In re Application of Taneja et al. :
Application No. 09/955,801 :
Filing Date: September 19, 2001 :
Attorney Docket No. 6842.US.O1 :

Decision on Petition

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed September 16, 2005, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **granted**.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely reply within three months to the non-final Office action mailed December 14, 2004. An extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was not obtained. Accordingly, this application became abandoned on March 15, 2005. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on July 14, 2005.

The instant petition requests revival of the application.

Petitioner has met the requirements to revive the above-identified application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b). Therefore, the petition is granted and the application is revived.

There is no indication that the person signing the instant petition was ever given a power of attorney or authorization of agent to prosecute the above-identified application. If the person signing the instant petition desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney or authorization of agent must be submitted. While a courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the person signing the instant petition, all future correspondence will be directed solely to the address currently of record until such time as appropriate instructions are received to the contrary.

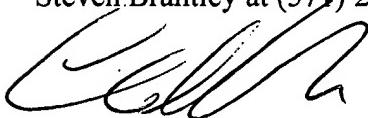
The petition is signed by attorney Martin Katz. The record indicates Katz may not have first hand knowledge concerning the facts surrounding the abandonment of the application. Nevertheless, the statement by Katz that the entire delay was unintentional is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay.¹ In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an

¹ See Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure, 62 Fed. Reg. at 53160 and 53178; 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office at 88 and 103 (responses to comments 64 and 109) (applicant obligated under 37 CFR 10.18 to inquire into the underlying facts and circumstances when providing the statement required by 37 CFR 1.137(b) to the Patent and Trademark Office).

inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that a portion of the delay from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

Technology Center Art Unit 1615 will be informed of the instant decision so that the application may be further examined in due course.

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